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Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly

Report of the First Committee

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1. At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 21 September 2012, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to allocate item 116 to all the Main Committees for the sole purpose of considering and taking action on their respective tentative programmes of work for 2013.

2. The First Committee considered the item at its 22nd meeting, on 7 November 2012 (see A/C.1/67/PV.22).

3. At the 22nd meeting, the Chair made a statement and introduced the proposed programme of work.

4. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted its proposed programme of work and timetable for 2013, annexed to the present report.

Recommendation of the First Committee

5. The First Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft decision:

Proposed programme of work and timetable of the First Committee for 2013

The General Assembly, on the recommendation of the First Committee, approves the proposed programme of work and timetable of the Committee for 2013, as contained in the annex to the report of the First Committee.

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Annex

Programme of work and timetable of the First Committee for 2013

Programme/meeting	*Dates*	*Number of meetings*
Meeting for the organization of work	Friday, 4 October	1
General debate on all disarmament and international security agenda items[a]	Monday, 7 October, to Wednesday, 16 October	7
Exchange with the High Representative for Disarmament Affairs on follow-up of resolutions and decisions adopted by the Committee at its previous sessions/presentation of reports		
Closure of the list of speakers for the general debate on all disarmament and international security agenda items	Tuesday, 8 October, at 6 p.m.	
Thematic discussion on specific subjects and introduction and consideration of all draft resolutions submitted under agenda items, including:	Thursday, 17 October, to Tuesday, 29 October	10
(a) Exchange with the High Representative for Disarmament Affairs and other high-level officials in the field of arms control and disarmament		
(b) Panel discussions and exchanges with independent experts[b]		
Deadline for submission of draft resolutions under all agenda items	Thursday, 17 October, at 12 noon	
Action on all draft resolutions submitted under agenda items	Wednesday, 30 October, to Wednesday, 6 November	6

[a] A rolling list of speakers will be opened about a month before the beginning of the session. Delegations are encouraged to limit their statements to a maximum of 10 minutes; statements on behalf of a group of countries should not exceed 15 minutes. The list will give priority to high-level representatives and should be shared with the Committee on a regular basis so as to increase transparency.

[b] Wide civil society participation is encouraged.

Week	*Monday*	*Tuesday*	*Wednesday*	*Thursday*	*Friday*
30 September-4 October					4 October morning
7-11 October	7 October morning	8 October morning	9 October morning	10 October morning	11 October morning
14-18 October	14 October afternoon	15 October (United Nations holiday)	16 October afternoon	17 October afternoon	18 October afternoon
21-25 October	21 October morning and afternoon	22 October morning	23 October morning	24 October morning	25 October morning
28 October-1 November	28 October afternoon	29 October afternoon	30 October afternoon	31 October afternoon	1 November afternoon
4-8 November	4 November morning	5 November morning	6 November morning[a]	7 November	8 November

Note: The Committee will exercise flexibility on the scheduling of the meetings during the last two weeks of the session without prejudice to the decisions to be taken by the General Assembly at its sixty-eighth session.

[a] If necessary.